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1. The construction of trenches continues along the Bulgarian side of the Bulgarian-Yugoslav frontier. The work has been carried out for the most part by Trudovaks stationed at Gurlyane (sic), Logodash (N4158 E2257), Leshko (N4156 E2259) and Simitli (N4153 E2306).
2. Certain units of 14 Infantry Regiment are working on a military camp in Zelen Dol, while others from the same regiment are engaged in unspecified military construction work in the village of Garvanitsa and in the area of Selishte (N4159 E2259) and Balygartsevo.
3. Four large bunkers have been built outside of Gyueshevo (N4214 E2228), on the road leading to Kyustendil. The bunkers were built by military units assisted by civilian laborers from surrounding villages.
4. Large trenches are being built on both sides of the road leading to Zhilentsi.
5. Large brick and cement bunkers are being built near the village of Gurlyane. Trenches designed to defend the state highway running from Gyueshevo to Kyustendil have already been built in this area.
6. Bunkers and tank traps of stone and concrete are being built near the village of Logodash. Two bunkers have been completed and can be seen from "quite some distance away." Trenches have already been dug in this area.
7. Two trenches, each at least two kilometers in length, have been dug near the village of Padesh (N4156 E2301). Villagers have been recruited to haul stone and gravel for the construction of bunkers near the villages of Padesh and Pokrovnik (N4157 E2304).

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8. During October-November 1951, repairs were in progress on the road leading from Gorna Dzhumaya to Leshko. Repairs have been completed on the bridge over the Struma River on the Gorna Dzhumaya-Leshko road and repair work is continuing toward the village of Leshko. The work is being done by civilian labor.
9. In October 1951, work began on the repair of the road which leads from Petrich to the village of Gabrene (Y4120 E2258), running along the foot of the Belasitsa Plain. This road, formerly no more than a foot path, has been widened to approximately six meters. A construction firm in Petrich is in charge of the work, at which approximately 100 workers are employed. As of late November 1951, about 15 kilometers of this road had been completed.
10. The bridge which crosses the Struma River on the Simitli-Razlog road has been prepared for mining. This bridge is approximately 100 meters long. Two other bridges have also been prepared for demolition: one is located six kilometers from the railroad station in Gara Pirin, on the Struma River; the second is located one kilometer to the north of the first bridge, also on the Struma River.
11. During the past year, artillery bunkers have been built in the heart of Sofia. They have been built, among other places, in the park in front of the National Theater, in the park on Vazrazhdavne Square (sic; possibly Vuzrazhdane Square), in the park on Svoboda Square, and in the Poduene Park.
12. New bomb shelters are being built and old ones repaired in Sofia. A bomb shelter is being built under the National Bank in Sofia which will allegedly hold between 15,000 and 20,000 persons. A large shelter is also reportedly being built under the headquarters of the Communist Party of Bulgaria, in Sofia.

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